

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: THOMAS C. MESING ET AL.

:

Serial No.:

:

Filed: HEREWITH

:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner: Not

Known

For: VARIABLE VANE SEAL AND
WASHER MATERIALS

:

:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

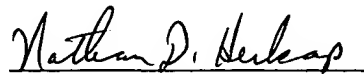
Prior to examination of the above-identified Patent
Application and prior to calculation of the Filing Fee, please amend
the Application as follows:

In the specification, insert after the title "This application is a
divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/239,639, filed January 29,
1999."

Please cancel Claims 1-10 which were elected for prosecution
in the parent application, Serial No. 09/239,639, filed January 29,
1999.

Claims 11-20 are pending in the Application, which awaits a
first action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan D. Herkamp

Reg. No. 28,812

(513) 243-6473

March 13, 2000
General Electric Company
One Neumann Way, M/D H17
Cincinnati, OH 45215-6301